OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: BOYD

SUBJECT: MAX-IT AND CRIMINIAL JUSTICE TECHONOLOGY

DATE: 10/11/2000 **CC:** SIMMONS

Donna and I meet with representatives of ITD and MAX-IT to discuss an initiative to coordinated criminal justice information systems among Coastal law enforcement entities. The coalition has been working on a "line item" appropriation dedicated for this project. They have asked for a letter from you in support of this initiative.

On a side note, the Governor's Office has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the National Governors' Association to develop a plan for statewide implementation of the criminal justice information system. This plan will be used to secure \$7.5 million from the U.S. Dept. of Justice. I am working with Commissioner Huggins and his staff to discuss this project.

Both of these projects are very similar in scope, I respectfully suggest that any letter or call of support only refer to the appropriation directly assigned for the coastal project and <u>not include</u> the \$7.5 million appropriation for statewide implementation. The letter originally suggested would have implied dedication of the statewide appropriation to MAX-IT.

I have verified with Bubba Weir, ITD, that they are expecting a separate appropriation for their project. John Waites is handling their lobbying effort in D.C.